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Sirs:

For the following reasons I am outraged at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of unparalleled economic struggle since the depression.

SCE&G has higher rates than other investor owned utilities as well as Publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

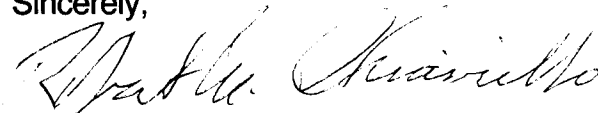
New rate hikes will boost residential bills on average about \$140 a year.

Duke Power's cost per 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The same rate increase, if granted, would put it at \$130.

SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate increase in 2008.

Therefore I strongly disapprove of any increase in utilities at this time or the near future.

Sincerely,



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